

Can we share some straight talk?

Indian casinos are earning between \$5 Billion and \$8 Billion per year through a monopoly granted to them by the state of California. Under this monopoly, only Indian casinos can operate slot machines in California. But while the rest of us pay taxes on what we earn, the tribes pay almost nothing on their Billions of earnings - even though they use the same roads, schools, police, and fire and emergency medical services that we all pay for.

Last year, one Indian Casino alone had a slot machine profit of over \$300 million and paid no taxes.

It's time Indian Casinos paid their Fair Share.

In Connecticut and New York, Indian casinos pay the state up to a 25% Fair Share of their winnings in exchange for keeping their monopolies.

Proposition 68 says to the Indian Tribes: *You can keep your monopoly on slot machines, but only if you pay a 25% Fair Share like the Indian Casinos in Connecticut and New York.*

The 25% Fair Share would go to pay for local police and fire services and local programs for abused, neglected and foster children. The Tribes would also be required to comply with the same political campaign contribution and environmental protection laws that all of us already must comply with.

Proposition 68 actually gives the Indian casinos a choice: If they pay their Fair Share, they keep their monopoly on slot machines. But if they don't, the state will also grant rights to a limited number of locations where gaming already exists.

The Indians would keep operating their slots, but they'd get a little competition. A limited number of card clubs and horseracing tracks where gaming already exists would be allowed to add slot machines to their existing games.

These card clubs and horseracing tracks are located in the cities of: Arcadia, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Cypress, Gardena, Hawaiian Gardens, Inglewood and Oceanside in Southern California and in the cities of Albany, Colma, Pacheco, San Bruno and San Mateo in Northern California. Unlike Indian casinos, the card clubs and racetracks would pay 33% of their revenues from the slot machines to local government.

With California's current budget crisis, we need the money.

According to the state's former Legislative Analyst, Bill Hamm, Proposition 68 will generate nearly \$ 2 Billion ~~every~~ every year-- monies that will be sent directly to all local governments around the state with all communities benefiting equally.

It isn't fair that the tribes can build casinos wherever they want and make Billions of dollars through a monopoly granted by the state without paying taxes or a Fair Share like the rest of us.

But Proposition 68 is fair. It doesn't take any rights away from the

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Indian Casinos. But it says that if Indian Casinos won't pay a Fair Share to support local public services like all of us, then they can't keep a state monopoly to themselves. You can't have it both ways.

It's time for the Indian Casinos to pay their Fair Share.

We urge you to Vote YES on Proposition 68.

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